DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

31 CFR Part 103

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Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Bank Secrecy Act Regulations; Money Services Businesses—Money Transmitters; Open Working Meeting

AGENCY: Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Treasury.

ACTION: Meeting on proposed rules.

SUMMARY: The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network ("FinCEN") will hold a working meeting to give interested persons the opportunity to discuss with FinCEN officials issues arising under the proposed rules for money services businesses published May 21, 1997. This meeting, which along with three additional meetings, was first announced in the Federal Register on July 8, 1997, will specifically deal with money transmitters.

DATES: July 28, 1997, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., New York, NY.

ADDRESSES: New York Hilton & Towers, Rendezvous Trianon Room, 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Legal or Technical: Eileen Dolan, Legal Assistant, Office of Legal Counsel, FinCEN, at (703) 905–3590, or Charles Klingman, Financial Institutions Policy Specialist, FinCEN, at (703) 905–3602.

Attendance: Camille Steele, at (703) 905–3819, or Karen Robb, at (703) 905–3770.

General: FinCEN's Information telephone line, at (703) 905–3848, or www.ustreas.gov/treasury/bureaus/fincen ("What's New" section).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 21, 1997, FinCEN issued three proposed regulations relating to money services businesses. The first proposed regulation (62 FR 27890) would define money services businesses and require the businesses to register with the Department of the Treasury and to maintain a current list of their agents. The second proposed regulation (62 FR 27900) would require money transmitters, and issuers, sellers, and redeemers, of money orders and traveler's checks, to report suspicious transactions involving at least \$500 in funds or other assets. The third proposed regulation (62 FR 27909) would require money transmitters and their agents to report and retain records of transactions in currency or monetary

instruments of at least \$750 but not more than \$10,000 in connection with the transmission or other transfer of funds to any person outside the United States, and to verify the identity of senders of such transmissions or transfers.

On July 8, 1997 (62 FR 36475), FinCEN announced that it would hold four working meetings to give interested persons the opportunity to discuss with FinCEN officials issues arising under the proposed regulations. At that time, only the specific time and address of the first meeting, scheduled for July 22, 1997, dealing specifically with the definition and registration of money services businesses, had been determined. FinCEN indicated that the specific time and address of the remaining meetings would be announced later.

FinCEN is announcing today the time and address of the second meeting, which is scheduled for July 28, 1997. This meeting is being held specifically to discuss issues arising under the regulations as they relate to money transmitters. The meeting is not intended as a substitute for FinCEN's request for written comments in the notice of proposed rulemaking published May 21, 1997. Rather, the meeting is intended to help make the comment process as productive and interactive as possible by providing a forum between the industry and FinCEN concerning the issues arising under the proposed regulation. The meeting will be open to the public and will be recorded. A transcript of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying; prepared statements will be accepted for inclusion in the record. Accordingly, oral or written material not intended to be disclosed to the public should not be raised at the meeting.

In the interest of providing as broad and convenient an opportunity as possible for persons to discuss these regulatory measures, FinCEN will provide time (approximately midafternoon) during this meeting to discuss issues relating to any of the three rules published May 21, 1997. Thus, persons wishing to discuss aspects of the rules other than those for which a particular meeting is called may wish to participate in one or more of the meetings.

Persons wishing to attend or to participate in this second meeting should inform either Camille Steele or Karen Robb as listed under the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

Dated: July 15, 1997.

Eileen P. Dolan,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 110 [CGD01-97-017]

RIN 2115-AA98

Special Anchorage Area: Special Anchorage, Hudson River, at Hyde Park, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard proposes to disestablish the special anchorage located at Hyde Park, NY. The Poughkeepsie Yacht Club has requested the diseastablishement of this special anchorage because it is unsuitable for its intended purpose. Once disestablished, any vessels seeking to anchor in this area will be required to exhibit anchorage lights in accordance with the rules of the road.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Lieutenant Junior Grade David D. Gefell, Waterways Oversight Branch, Coast Guard Activities New York, 212 Coast Guard Drive, Staten Island, NY 10305. The telephone number is 718–354–4195.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Junior Grade David D. Gefell, (718) 354–4195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments. Persons submitting comments should include their names and address, identify this rulemaking (CGD01–97–017) and the specific section of the proposal to which their comments apply, and give reasons for each comment. Persons wanting acknowledgment of receipt of comments should enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

The Coast Guard will consider all comments received during the comment period. It may change this proposal in view of the comments. The Coast Guard plans no public hearing; however, persons may request a pubic hearing by

writing to the Waterways Oversight Branch at the address under ADDRESSES. The request should include the reasons why a hearing would be beneficial. If it is determined that the opportunity for oral presentations will aid this rulemaking, the Coast Guard will hold a public hearing at a time and place announced by a later notice in the Federal Register.

Background and Purpose

The Poughkeepsie Yacht Club has requested the disestablishment of the special anchorage located at mile 72.7 on the east bank of the Hudson River, at Hyde Park, NY. This special anchorage is described in 33 CFR § 110.60, paragraph (p-3). Special anchorages are areas of water in which vessels of not more than 65 feet in length may anchor without exhibiting anchor lights. The Poughkeepsie Yacht Club lies adjacent to this special anchorage and is its principal user. However, the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club has requested disestablishment for the following reasons:

(1) The special anchorage is a hindrance to yacht club activities, many of which occur within the limited area available which is not encumbered by the seasonal weed bed or the shallow water depth at mean low water;

(2) The special anchorage is not used in the winter. All yacht club moorings and docks must be removed annually in this reach of the Hudson River due to the substantial ice build up; and

(3) Transient vessels anchor approximately 1500 feet north of the special anchorage to use Esopus Island as a breakwater to block wake action caused by commercial shipping which transits west of the island.

Regulatory Evaluation

This rule is not a significant regulatory action under section 3(f) of Executive Order 12866 and does not require an assessment of potential costs and benefits under section 6(a)(3) of that order. It has not been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under that order. It is not significant under the regulatory policies and procedures of the Department of Transportation (DOT) (44 FR 11040; February 26, 1979). The Coast Guard expects the economic impact of this proposal to be so minimal that a full Regulatory Evaluation under paragraph 10(e) of the regulatory policies and procedures of DOT is unnecessary. The principal users of this special anchorage are the members of the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club who fully understand the impact of their request. Additionally, the Coast Guard is unaware of any boaters other than the

members of the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club who anchor or use moorings in this special anchorage.

Small Entities

The Coast Guard has considered the economic impact of this rule under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612). For the reasons discussed in the Regulatory Evaluation section, the Coast Guard expects that the proposed rule, if adopted, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. If, however, you think that your business or organization qualifies as a small entity and that this rule will have significant economic impact on your business or organization, please submit a comment explaining why you think it qualifies and in what way and to what degree this rule will economically affect

Collection of Information

This proposal contains no collection-of-information requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520).

Federalism

The Coast Guard has analyzed this rule under the principles and criteria contained in Executive Order 12612 and has determined that this rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Environment

The Coast Guard considered the environmental impact of this rule and concluded that since this rule disestablishes a special anchorage, under 2.B.2.e.(34)(f) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1B (as reviewed by 59 FR 38654, July 29, 1994), it is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 110

Anchorage grounds.

Proposed Regulation

For reasons set out in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 110.60 as follows:

PART 110—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 110 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 471, 2071; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 1.05–1(g). Section 110.1a and each section listed in it are also issued under 33 U.S.C. 1223 and 1231.

§110.60 [Amended]

2. In section 110.60, paragraph (p–3) is removed.

Dated: June 16, 1997.

J.L. Linnon,

Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Commander, First Coast Guard District.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 131

[FRL-5860-7]

Proposed Rule to Withdraw From Federal Regulations the Applicability to Alaska's Waters of Arsenic Human Health Criteria

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; re-opening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to re-open the public comment period on this proposed rule for an additional two weeks period.

DATES: EPA will now accept public comments on its proposed withdrawal of the human health criteria for arsenic applicable to Alaska until August 4, 1997. Comments postmarked after this date may not be considered.

ADDRESSES: An original plus 2 copies, and if possible an electronic version of the comments either in WordPerfect or ASCII format, should be addressed to Sally Brough, U. S. EPA Region 10, Office of Water, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Leutner at EPA Headquarters, Office of Water (4305), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460 (telephone: 202–260–1542), or Sally Brough in EPA's Region 10 (telephone: 206–553–1295).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed rule appeared in the Federal **Register** on May 21, 1997 (62 FR 27707) and provided for a public comment period of 45 days which closed on July 7, 1997. Shortly before that closing date, officials of several groups in Alaska contacted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and requested an extension of the comment period. These officials cited difficulty in obtaining certain documents in the administrative record within the short comment period provided by EPA. To be fair to all parties who may want to provide comments, EPA is re-opening the comment period for an additional 2 weeks from the date of publication of this Notice.